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Relevance of the non-English language reference is discussed in the present specification and in the attached Background Art Information Sheets.

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# Information Sheet for preparing an Information Disclosure Statement under Rule 1.56

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## Foreign Patent Documents

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Jpn. Pat. Appl. KOKAI Publication No. 4-151705 (Publication Date: May 25, 1992)

## A. Page 33, left column, lines 5-13:

A portable electronic device comprises:

a housing;

an input device arranged at a front portion of the housing;

a hard disk drive arranged at a rear portion of the input device, and in a form of a portable pack; and

an electronic component arranged at a rear portion of the input device, and positioned at a bottom portion of the housing, wherein

the hard disk drive comprises an attachable/detachable mechanism, is arranged on the electronic component, and is covered with a protection cover that is fitted from above the housing.

## B. Page 34, bottom left column, lines 8-16:

According to Figures 2, 3 and 4, a floppy disk drive 6 is arranged inside a lower housing 2 of the main body, a hard disk drive 7 is stored in a region surrounded by an upper housing 1 of the main body that is arranged on the floppy disk drive 6, and the hard disk drive 7 is protected by a protection cover 4. The hard disk drive 7 is connected to a connector 11 of the main body, and a rib b, which extends from the protection cover 4, is attached to prevent disconnection between the hard disk drive and the connector 11.